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PASS TO DUTY OFFICER MORNING JULY 13

1. THE USCG ADVISES FOLLOWING IN REFERENCE PARA 1 REFTEL:
QUOTE 1. THE STATUTE 46 USC 221 PROVIDES THAT AN AMERICAN REGISTERED VESSEL ON A FOREIGN VOYAGE MAY, WHEN DEPRIVED OF THE SERVICES OF AN OFFICER BELOW THE GRADE OF MASTER, FILL THAT VACANCY BY A PERSON NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES WHEN A U.S. CITIZEN IS NOT AVAILABLE. 2. THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO ALL OFFICERS, EXCEPT THE MASTER, INCLUDING THE RADIO OFFICER. IN ANY CASE, THE NON-CITIZEN OFFICER SHOULD HOLD A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY A COUNTRY SIGNATORY TO SOLAS OR THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION CONVENTION 1947, STATING HIS AUTHORITY TO SERVE IN THE CAPACITY IN WHICH HE IS EMPLOYED. 3. THE COAST GUARD HAS UNDER REVISION EXPIRED COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 5951.16, DATED 13 JANUARY 1970, AND TITLE 33 CFR 121.01(D)(3) WHICH SPEAK TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS WHEN AMERICAN REGISTERED VESSELS ARE UNABLE TO FILL VACANCIES WITH U.S. CITIZENS WHILE ON A FOREIGN VOYAGE. UNQUOTE.

2. USCG INFORMS THAT FORAN OKAY TO SHIP ON ARTICLES. KISSINGER

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